

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 97-124-C - ORDER NO. 97-860

OCTOBER 13, 1997

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.,) ORDER
in its Revisions to its General Subscriber) GRANTING
Services Tariff and Access Service Tariff,) CONTINUANCE
is making Revisions to Comply with the FCC's)
Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclass-)
ification and Compensation Provisions of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

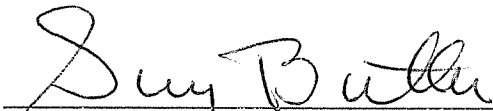
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the September 30, 1997 Motion filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA). This Motion is supported by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T). SCPCA asks that the pre-filing of testimony and hearing in the present case be postponed until after the Commission has issued final Orders in the unbundled network element (UNE) cost proceeding (Docket No. 97-374-C) and the universal service proceeding (Docket No. 97-239-C). The basis for said Motion is that, in essence, the final Orders in these proceedings will have a direct bearing on the issues in the present case. Although we have issued an Order in Docket No. 97-239-C, Petitions for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration and/or Clarification have been filed, which have yet to be addressed by this Commission. We have issued no merits Order in Docket No. 97-374-C, since we have not had the opportunity to hold a hearing

in the case.

We agree with SCPCA and AT&T that the resultant Orders in the two Dockets mentioned above will have a direct bearing on the case herein. Accordingly, we grant the Motion for continuance of the hearing, and suspend the deadlines for the filing of testimony and exhibits until further Order of the Commission. We do hold, however, that when this matter is rescheduled, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. will be allowed to supplement its testimony.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director
(SEAL)